to non-availability of resources. However, to augment the facilities, a provision has been made for providing semiautomatic cell counter and spectrometer in the pathological laboratory, R. K Puram-III,

Patenting the wonder dniR Brahiui

1149. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: win The Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state-fa) whether it is a fact that facuit5 of Ayurveda Researchers in Banarar Hindu University have recently approached the Ministry to explore the possibility of patenting of the product " Brahmi" an Aqurvedic wonder drug;

(b) ff so, what are the details thereof stating whether the Ayurvedic drug "Brahmi" ig proposed to be patented: and

(c) if answer be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor stating the steps taken by Government to remove the hurdles in patenting the drug?

THE MINISTER GF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C SILVERA): (a) No formal proposal has been received from the Banaras Hindu University.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise,

Hoik*; by Resident Doctors of Stwheta. Kiijiisoi and Ksiawati Sana Hospital!

1150. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Resident Doctors of Sucheta Kripiani and Kalawatj Saran Hospitals in New Delhi went on a strike recently;

(b) if so, the details of the demands of Doctors which compelled them to resort to strike; and

(c) whether the strike has S‹D^ been called off and if so, the details of the agreement arrived at betweeK Government anjj the Doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C SILVERA): (a) Sir.

(b) The demands of the Resident Doe-tors intev-alia include:—

(i) Participation of the representative of RDA in the selection process of Resident Doctors.

uij Entrustment of the management of cafetaria to the Resident Doctors.

(iii) Provision of security arrangement in the campus.

(iv) Abolition of security deposits for library.

(v) Provision of increased and hygienic water supply etc.

(c) The strike was called cff unconditionally.

Report of the Supervisory Team of World Baak of AIDS programme

1151. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank Supervisory Team on the AIDS programme has stressed on stopping clandestinely operating blood banks and for framing guidelines for transfusion of blood in its report submitted recently; and

(b) if so, the decision taken on it and the reaction of Government in regard thereto?

' THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The observations made by the World Bank supervisory team have been brought to the notice of the Drug Controller of India and the States/UTs for appropriate action.

Swppily of outdated machines in the CGHS DISPENSARY at Smith Avenue, New Delhi

1152. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

st) whether Government are aware that out-dated machines are supplied in th CeGHS Dispensary at Siuth Avenus, New Delhi;

i.ii) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the doctors concerned;

Ii *i* ..nether Government have received r.uch complaints against other dispensaries also and if so, the details thereof: and

(d) what action Government have taken against the officer found responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR, C. SILVERA}; (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

jviiwrtve drive to avoid recurrence of Health Emergencies

1153. SHRI SUSHIUttJMAR *SAM*-BHAIIRAO SHINDE:

SHRI PRAMOD M AH A JAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH. AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

tai whether it is a fact that the Government are working on a passive cleanup package to avoid recurrence of health emergencies like the recent outbreak of. plague and win back rthe confidence of the the foreign investors, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) States Governments are being advised to revamp their public health systems for epidemic control and take steps to improve the civic and project infrastmcture in keeping with public health requirements. \ technical Advisory Committee on Plague lias been set up with the task of

I suggesting measures for avoiding recurrence of outbreaks in future.

Spraying of insecticides in plague-affected areas

1154. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will rhe Minister of HEALTH AND I FAMILY WELFARE be pleaeesd to state;

(a) ^whether Governments attention I has been drawn to a news item .that ap peared on Page 1, Column 2-7 in Ths; Statesman' dated 27th September, 1994 under the caption 'Use of D.D.T. I Gam&xene may be costly dissembling' j wherein it has been stated that spraying of these insecticides in plague-affected. srels would not be effective and formulations recommended by World Health Organisation should have been used;

(b) if s.0, the details ihe-ieoi and the reasons for which these were used and how effective these proved in controlling plague;

(c) whether Government propose to secure more effective insecticide; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The news report has come tc the notice of Government.

(b) to (d) As per available data on susceptibility status of Fleas, gajnaxena (HCH) is still considered a cost effective anti-flea insecticide. Following the use of HCH, flea density was found to have, reduced appreciably.